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Rome, Jan. 15. N. S.

THE Pope labours all he can to accommodate Matters between the Emperor and *France*, and more particularly to preserve the Peace of *Italy*; But the Emperor appears resolved to assert his Right. The Pope has made Signior *Horatio Albani*, his Brother, Intendant-General of the Forts and Fortifications in the Ecclesiastical State, and he is gone to view the same, and to give Directions for making such Repairs therein as are found necessary. A Consistory met the 11th Instant, in which the Pope performed the Ceremony of giving the Hat to Cardinal *Acciaiuoli*. Cardinal *Fourbin* had Audience of the Pope some days ago concerning the *Spanish* Affair, and was with him about 3 hours. Signior *Pignatelli*, the Pope's Nuncio in *Poland*, is recalled from that Employment; 'Tis said, he will be made Secretary to the Congregation of Bishops, and that Signior *Patrizi* will be sent to *Poland* in his room. The Imperial Ambassador is preparing to make his Publick Entry, but insists, that the Matter in Dispute between the Ambassadors at this Court and the Governor of *Rome*, who pretends to have the Precedency of them, may be first adjusted; The Pope at the same time continues his Resolution of maintaining the Governor in this Pretention, and designs to write to the Emperor, to desire he will give Orders to his Ambassador to yield this Point.

Milan, Jan. 19. The Count *de Tesse* is treated at this Court with abundance of Respect, and the Prince of *Vaudemont* gives him the Hand; but divers Persons of Quality here begin to be uneasie to see all Matters governed by his Direction. He is gone with the Marquis *de los Balbaces* to view the Passes along the River *Adda*, the Lake *Majore*, and the Lake of *Como*. 'Tis said, several new Forts will be built to cover the Frontiers of this State towards *Tirol* and *Switzerland*. The *French* Battalions, which lately landed at *Final*, and at *Vado* in the Territories of *Genoua*, are on their march hither, and Quarters of Refreshment are provided for them. This State is to furnish them from time to time with a certain quantity of Bread, Flesh, Wood, and Straw, which amounting to a very considerable Sum, our Senate have under Consideration how to raise the Money that is necessary for supporting this Expence. Commissions are given out, for the raising of seven Companies of Foot to be added to the Regiment of *Bonezana*.

Venice, Jan. 21. Cardinal *Lamberg* arrived here yesterday from *Rome*; his Business is to engage this Republick in the Emperor's Interest; And Cardinal *d'Estrees* came hither this day, to manage a like Negociation in favour of *France*. In the mean time the new Levies are continued for the Service of this State, and other Preparations made for the Security of our Frontiers, and to oppose as is given out the Passage of the Emperor's Forces into *Italy*, though 'tis more probable that this Republick will endeavour to remain Neuter, and not give any hindrance to the *Germans*, seeing the *French* Forces are first entred into *Italy*; which may likewise more incline other Princes of *Italy* towards the Emperor's Interest. General *Cornaro* is arrived on the Coast of *Istria* with 3 *Venetian* Galleys from the *Morea*, and is shortly expected in this City.

Madrid, Jan. 13. The Count *de Harrach*, the Emperor's Ambassador, having received Orders to return to *Vienna*, is accordingly preparing for his departure; He has delivered to the Cardinal *Porto-Carrero*, a new Protestation against the Will of the late King of *Spain*, as far as it relates to the *Spanish* Succession. The Count *d'Aversberg*, who was to have succeeded him as the Emperor's Ambassador, will continue here as a private Person. 'Tis said, the new King of *Spain* (who is expected at *Iron* the 22d Instant, and at *Madrid* about the 20th of the next Month) has writ to the Regency, to acquaint the Foreign Ministers here, that they do acknowledge him, or depart from *Madrid* before his arrival. The Queen is preparing to leave the Royal Palace, and to remove to that belonging to the Duke *de Montleone*. The Prince of *Darmstad* is discharged from the Government of *Catalonia*, which 'tis said will be given to Count *Palma*, Nephew to Cardinal *Porto-Carrero*; and 2 *German* Regiments that are quartered in that Province are dismissed out of the Service of this Crown, and ordered to march to *Gallicia*, from whence they will be sent by Sea to *Holland*, in order to return to *Germany*. The Regents have begun to cause the Arms of *Portugal* to be placed in the Scutcheon of the Arms of *Castile*. Orders are sent to the Governor of *Gibraltar*, to sound the depth of Water in that Port, and to send up an Account thereof.

Warsaw, Jan. 23. The Senate of *Poland* met here the 17th Instant, and the King proposed the following Points to their Consideration; 1. To consider of the most effectual Way to put an end to the Troubles in *Lithuania*; 2. Whether to acknowledge the new King of *Prussia*; 3. To fix the Time for the Meeting of the General Diet; and, 4. What Answer to return to the Queen-Dowager of *Poland*, who desires to continue some time longer at *Rome*. Upon the Debate whereof, the Senate appear enclined, to desire the King to take the House of *Sapieha* into his Protection, and as an Inducement thereunto, those Princes, and the Princes of *Lubomirsky* and *Radzivil*, offer to give free Quarters in their own Estates to the *Saxon* Forces which are now in *Courland*. Some of the Senators are against acknowledging the King of *Prussia*, but the King of *Poland* and the Cardinal Primate being of the other opinion, there is like to be no difficulty in that matter. Leave will be given to the Queen-Dowager to continue at *Rome*, but the fixing of the Diet is not yet agreed upon. The Czar has writ a Letter to the King of *Poland*, wherein he expresses a willingness to enter into a Treaty of Peace with *Sweden*.

Vienna, Jan. 22. The new Levies are continued, for adding four Companies of 150 Men each, and one of 100 Granadiers, to every Regiment of Foot, and two Troops to each Regiment of Horse and Dragoons now in the Emperor's Service. The Forces designed for *Italy* consist in 19000 Foot, 6000 Horse, and 4000 Dragoons; They are to have their General Rendezvous in the Country of *Tirol*; and the Emperor has desired the Republick of *Venice* to give them Passage through their Territories in their march to *Milan*, and assured them, That effectual Care shall be taken to keep them in good Discipline, and that they shall pay in ready Money for what is furnished them by the Country People. The March of these Forces will probably be hastened by the News we have received, of the arrival of a considerable Body of *French* Troops in the *Milaneze*, and that a greater number was following. The States of the *Lower Austria* have granted to the Emperor a Subsidy of 3 Millions of Florins, besides the ordinary Contributions, and have engaged to pay his Debts, which amount to about 20 Millions. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* is often in Conference with other of the Emperor's Principal Ministers; and Orders are given to provide Magazines at *Philipsburgh*, *Brisac*, and other Places, for the use of the Imperial Forces that may be employed on the *Rhine*. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* is to assist the Emperor with 10000 Men, and to maintain them 6 years at his own Charge. The Elector Palatine offers to put 7 or 8000 Men in the Emperor's Service. The Bishop of *Wurtsburgh* offers likewise a good Body of Troops; And the Emperor is treating with the King of *Denmark* for the 7500 *Danes* now in *Saxony*.

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